

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1126  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David L. Archer upon receiving the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award for the Memphis Region.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and honor those outstanding citizens who, through their leadership and service, perpetuate the common good for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, David L. Archer is one such noteworthy Tennessean who was recently honored with the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award for the Memphis Region; and

WHEREAS, he will be recognized at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Humanitarian Awards dinner on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Peabody Hotel; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the NCCJ was organized to fight bias, bigotry, and racism; this year, the organization honored four estimable public servants, including Mr. Archer, who have dedicated themselves to combating these societal evils; and

WHEREAS, these honorees have demonstrated leadership, determination, and commitment to the Memphis community through their ongoing work to improve the lives and well-being of its diverse citizenry; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, David Archer has dedicated himself to the pursuit of bettering the lives of his fellow human beings and improving his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Archer has succeeded in a wide range of endeavors through the application of his considerable talents; serving with acumen and alacrity as President and CEO of Saint Francis Hospital since May 1997, he has earned the respect and admiration of both his employees and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, his innovative style of leadership has led to the creation of a number of new health care services at Saint Francis Hospital, including the Cardiac Care Center, the Heartburn Center, the Sleep Center, and three community-based Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Centers; and

WHEREAS, a true visionary, Mr. Archer has also been the driving force behind the new Outpatient Surgery Center and the new Bartlett hospital; these additions have provided medical care to thousands of people and have improved the quality of care for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, a prominent figure in the health care industry in the State of Tennessee, David Archer is Past Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Church Health Center Board, Mr. Archer has efficiently and effectively responded to the need to provide health care services to the working poor; through Saint Francis Hospital's commitment to providing care for 5,000 participants in the Memphis Plan, he is helping to address this essential need in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, under his expert direction, Saint Francis Hospital has also been involved in Junior Achievement, the Memphis Italian Festival, the National Civil Rights Museum, the American Heart Association, United Way of Mid-South, Habitat for Humanity, Zoo Day for Seniors, the Catholic Diocese Parish Nurse Program and Jubilee Schools, American Diabetes Association, Mid-South Minority Business Council, Memphis and Shelby County School on Aging, Boys and Girls Club, MIFA, Memphis Food Bank, the NCCJ, and numerous other outstanding organizations; and

WHEREAS, David Archer has also lent his superb leadership to numerous civic endeavors, including the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Advisors, and he is an important figure in the development and expenditure of funds for many worthy organizations, including Lifeblood Foundation and St. Peter Villa; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving to Memphis, David Archer lived in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he was CEO of Lucy Lee Healthcare System; he received his Bachelor's degree from Purdue University, and he earned a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University and a MBA from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Archer's legacy of dedicated public service dates back many years; from 1980 to 1983, he worked with troubled youth at Covenant House in New York and also spent a year in Guatemala, overseeing an orphanage operated by the lay Catholic community; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, Erin, and their four children, John, Greg, James, and Mary; and

WHEREAS, the greater Memphis community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the meritorious public service of David L. Archer; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Archer for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to humanity, and his astute leadership in Memphis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend David L. Archer for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the good people of Memphis, congratulate him on receiving the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award for the Memphis Region, and extend to him our best wishes for success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.